Lib. R. Dominion of the R^{tt} Charles &c^a over this Province. Annoq Dmi. 1678:

A Comission empowering the Comission^{rs} of the County Courts to try all Actions of Debt whither by Bond Bill or Acco^t or Trespass upon the Case ariseing upon Accompt of what value soever within their respective County Courts as also a Proclamation pursuant thereunto Read and voted Nemine Contradicente to pass and be published being as foll: viz.

The Comission

Charles Absolute Lord and Propry of the Provinces of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &ca To William Boareman John Coode William Hatton Richard Loyd, Thomas Gerrard, Joseph Pile, Joshua Doyne, Clemt Hill, James Bowleing, and Richard Gardiner of Our County of St Maries gentl greeteing in Our Lord God Everlasting. Know yee that Considring with Our Self that this Our Province Depends wholly upon trade, and that wee have not as yett Coine amongst the People here Inhabiting to carry on Trade, soe that the Michant and Planter are both forced to make many Debts which causeth many suites at Law, As also that speedy Justice in recovery of Debts is therefore the life of all trade We have assigned you the said William Boareman, John Coode, William Hatton, Richard Lloyd, Thomas Gerrard, Joseph Pile, Joshua Doyne Clement Hill, James Bowleing, and Richard Cardiner or any four or more of y" (whereof you the said William Boareman, John Coode, William Hatton, or Richard Lloyd are allwaies to be One) Justices within our sd County of St Maries to heare and Determine all Causes or Actions of Debt whither by Bond Bill or Accompt, or Trespass upon the Case ariseing upon Accompt, According to the Lawes and Customes of this Our Province of Maryland, And therefore Wee comand you that at the certain Dayes settled by the Law of this Our Province for holding Courts in yor said County the said Actions you enquire into, heare, and Determine, and after Judgemt Execution to award, Doeing therein what to Justice appertaineth according to the Lawes and reasonable Customes of this Our Province, Saveing to us the Amerciamts and other things to us appertaineing and to all his sacred Majties Subjects resideing here und Our Immediate protection or tradeing within this Our Province their